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### Swinging Around.

There are evidences in the air that politics will take a queer turn with the beginning of the new century, the change applying mainly to the attitude of the Democracy on national questions. We have had the ukase of Cleveland, who claims to speak for the only true and original Democracy, and combatting the heretical teachings of Bryan. We have heard Bryan declaiming that "the principles for which we contended in the last campaign still live, and we who believe in them must continue to fight for them." Then we have had the defeated Democratic candidate for governor of Indiana anathematizing "those Democrats who offer gratuitous counsel to the Democratic party," which is an impersonal way of cursing Cleveland's "impudence."

Later we heard of a Democrat, General Fitzhugh Lee, propagating an advanced creed of militarism, declaring in St. Louis the other day that "were I a member of Congress I would vote to increase the standing army to 100,000 or even to 200,000 if necessary." Then to cap off his Democracy he declared: "The flag still waves over Santiago, Havana and Cardenas, and I tell you privately the flag is going to remain there." General Lee is also a sound money man, and holding all these radical views we do not see how it is possible for him to be a Democrat in good standing, or any other kind of standing.

But the most startling piece of news comes from Ohio, where, it is declared, the quiet tip has gone forth that at the Jackson day banquet at Columbus the Democratic leaders will turn a somersault on the financial question that will prove as sensational as did Vallandigham's "new departure" in the campaign of 1871, and which will precipitate as bitter animosities within the ranks of the party. Referring to this rumor the Cincinnati Times Star says: Vallandigham dethroned the Democracy of the state and the nation that year by offering at the Montgomery county convention a series of resolutions repudiating the Democratic position of slavery, emancipation, negro suffrage, reconstruction, repudiation of the war debt, and other tenets of the party and declaring that the Democracy must accept the situation that slavery was dead and secession impudently repudiated. The resolutions were adopted, and the Democracy was divided. The Democracy had engineered itself into a position similar to that which it is in the financial question has gotten it into to-day. It had permitted itself to become merely the party of opposition. It had opposed every plan of the Republican party without regard to what it was, its merits, or its demerits, until finally it had come to that position where it was regarded as a menace to the nation itself, and was deservedly repudiated. It had done this, and now it is in a position to do it again.

The fight made by Vallandigham was a most bitter one, and ended in a split in the Ohio Democracy. But there was no Bryan in those days, therefore we may expect a much more bitter contest within the ranks than was put up in Vallandigham's time. The policy of the Democratic party is quite the same, however, for, as in 1871, it has permitted itself to become merely the party of opposition—standing for nothing but pure unadulterated stubbornness. If the signs of the times do not point to the final disruption of the Democratic party, what, then, does the writing on the wall portend?

### Currency Statistics.

Considerable changes are shown in the state of the currency of the country in comparison with the conditions a few years ago. The normal increase in the money supply has worked some of these changes, the result of business activity, and others are said to be the direct consequence of the operation of the gold standard law. A remarkable feature of the increase in the supply of currency is the development of the demand for small denominations. This is attributed in some quarters to the stamp tax upon checks, but is regarded at the treasury as due chiefly to the prosperity of the country and the need of small notes in the pockets of wage earners and retail traders. The quantity of paper notes of all classes was about \$55,000,000 on July 1, 1892, when the business activity of that period was at its height. The amount rose in the summer of 1896 to about \$73,000,000, but has now risen above \$101,000,000. The circulation of silver dollars and small silver might be a distributing factor in this exhibit if it had shown wide variations. In fact, however, the amount of silver dollars in circulation has been so nearly constant for the past fifteen years that it does not modify the argument that there has been a great increase in the demand for small money since the recovery from the depression of 1893-'94. The

standard silver dollars in circulation on July 1, 1892, were \$56,799,454; on July 1, 1896, \$52,175,938, and on December 1, 1900, \$73,511,324. There has been, therefore, an increase under this head of about \$21,000,000 in small money since the summer of 1896. This amount, added to the increase in small paper, shows a total increase in money of small denominations of nearly \$50,000,000.

The increase in the paper currency is only a fraction of the increase in the total circulation of the country, because so large an element of the new circulation is in gold. "Thus," says the Journal of Commerce, "the total circulation on July 1, 1896, was \$1,606,434,956, while the gold equipment of the country was \$589,597,984. The conditions of December 1, 1900, showed a total circulation of \$2,158,761,367, 'resting upon' a gold basis of \$1,089,154,937. Not all of this gold was in circulation, and there was paper in the treasury which does not appear in these figures, but there would seem to be reason for counting the entire gold fund as the guarantee of the total circulation, because government paper in the treasury is in the same position as an immediate government liability as if it had been cancelled and retired. The increase of about \$650,000,000 in the money in circulation, therefore, has been covered by an increase of almost exactly \$500,000,000 in gold. Some of the changes in the paper circulation have been caused by the disbursement by the treasury of paper in its hands or by the receipt of outstanding paper in payment of public dues.

### At the Head of the List.

With England and Germany complaining of the inroads American manufacturers and the products of this country are making in their own markets, it is not surprising that data already in the hands of the treasury bureau of statistics should foreshadow the fact that the United States will stand at the head of the list of the exporting nations when the final figures are made up for the year about to close.

One by one the great nations have fallen behind in the race for this distinction until during the past five years only the United Kingdom and the United States could be considered as competitors for the distinction of being the world's greatest exporter of articles of home production. In 1894 the United Kingdom led the United States by nearly \$250,000,000, and in 1897 the United States had so rapidly gained that she was but \$50,000,000 behind.

In 1898 the United States took first place, our exports in that year exceeding those of the United Kingdom by nearly \$100,000,000. In 1899 the United Kingdom again stood at the head of the list, her exports exceeding those of the United States by nearly \$35,000,000. In the eleven months of 1900 whose figures have been received by the treasury bureau of statistics, the domestic exports of the United States exceed those of the United Kingdom by \$5,473,670, and should this rate of gain be maintained in December, the United States will in the year 1900, show a larger exportation of domestic products than any other nation in the world.

Even this distinction, however, of heading the world's list of exporting nations but partially tells the story of the wonderful growth of our export trade as measured by that of other nations. Comparing the growth of our exports during the last quarter of the century with those of the other great nations of the world, we are able to better measure the wonderful progress shown. France shows no increase in her exports of domestic merchandise in the closing quarter of the century; Germany shows during the same period an increase of about 50 per cent, and the United Kingdom shows from 1875 to 1900 an increase of nearly 40 per cent, while the United States shows during that time an increase of practically 200 per cent.

### Wealth in Woolly Flocks.

One would hardly believe that the rabid free trade New York Evening Post would be guilty of giving aid and comfort to the protectionists of the country, but such a thing it has done through one of its correspondents writing from Albuquerque, New Mexico, reciting what the protective tariff has done for the sheep and wool industry of that section of the country.

New Mexico now has about 4,500,000 sheep worth \$1.60 to \$2.10 per head, or just about double what they were worth after wool was placed on the free list by the Wilson tariff. Arizona has 2,634,000 sheep, whose value has increased more than \$2,000,000 since protection on wool was restored by the Dingley law. California, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming have been similarly enriched and by the same operation.

Mention is made of men in New Mexico who have each made more than \$40,000 in sheep and wool since the rise in wool was brought about by restored protection. We are also told of one sheep raiser who in 1895 had lost more than \$400,000 and was nearly bankrupt, but who, since the passage of the Dingley law in 1897, has rapidly recuperated and now has upward of \$1,110,000 invested in sheep, wool-storing houses and ranges.

The American Economist marvels at the opportunity thus afforded by the Post of quoting from its columns anything favorable to the workings of the Dingley bill, and adds: "To be sure it makes one wonder how the Post can print such an article and still advocate the annihilation of the sheep and wool industry of the United States by a revival of the free wool monstrosity of the Wilson tariff. But that is another matter. Free trade theories never do bear any easily ascertainable relation to economic facts and conditions."

Bryan took advantage of his presence at the Jeffersonian dinner at Lincoln to



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According to a Washington correspondent of the Intelligencer Senator Whitaker will not be a candidate for the presidency of the senate, and will support Senator Baker for that honor.

We trust Papa Zimmerman, of Cincinnati will have more luck with his dual son-in-law than the Goulds have had with Count Boni, of France.

Sir Thomas Lipton is making very brave preparations to "lift the cup" in the coming yacht races, but he will be doomed to disappointment again.

The Sand Fork oil region in this state, while not a failure, is not the bonanza it was expected it would be.

Croker is going to sacrifice Chief of Police Devery to save his own skin. That's Crokerism for you.

That Grover Cleveland did not vote for McKinley shows very bad taste on the ex-President's part.

That Jeffersonian banquet held at Lincoln, Nebraska, was an extremely un-Jeffersonian affair.

Pat Crowe is the much wanted man in connection with the Cudahy kidnapping case.

"Scrappers' Corner" in Hinton, has added another victim to its bloody record.

Let noise be unconfined, is the motto of the new century celebration committee.

In two weeks the West Virginia legislature will be in full blast.

Aspirants for legislative offices are looming up.

Vaccinate!

### NUGGETS.

Wise in His Youth.

Teacher—And what prevents your striking a boy smaller than yourself? Pupil—Pity!

Teacher—And a boy larger? Pupil—Prudence!—Chicago News.

Otherwise Discreetly Silent.

McJigger—Bragg tells me he got mixed up in a scrap last night.

"Thingumbob"—Did he get the best of it?

McJigger—Of course. If he hadn't he wouldn't have said anything about it.—Philadelphia Press.

### Caution Indispensable.

"A man must be very careful if he desires to retain the confidence of his constituents."

"He must," answered Senator Sorghum. "In fact, there's only one way to accomplish it, and that is never to let them catch you when you are fooling them."—Washington Star.

### Inconsistent.

"I don't think much of this idea of dramatizing novels," said Mr. Jason, who thought it would be the proper thing to talk theatricals to the city visitor.

"For the lord's sake! Just listen at you, Jehiel!" exclaimed Mrs. Jason. "You know you ain't missed 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' in the last thirty year."—Indianapolis Press.

### Clergyman's Beer Club.

London Telegraph: A novel temperance scheme was initiated at Ulverston last night, when Lord Cross opened a workingmen's club which the rector of Ulverston has established at considerable expense as a counter-attraction to the public house. Intoxicants are not altogether tabooed, but no member is to be allowed more than two glasses of beer or stout per night.

Lord Cross expressed his entire accord with the principles upon which the club was founded. It seemed to him to be a step distinctly in the right direction. The scheme was opposed by temperance people, but in his opinion their objection was a very short-sighted one. Why should not members have beer, so long as they took it in extreme moderation? "There were people who said if a man was allowed two glasses of liquor a night he would soon want and have four, but that did not strike him as good argument to apply to that club, which he was satisfied would be well managed, to the advantage of the young men of Ulverston." After giving the matter much consideration, he had not the slightest hesitation in becoming a trustee of the club, which he wished every success.

### Sometime, Somewhere.

Unanswered yet, the prayer your lips have pleaded In agony of heart these many years? Does faith begin to fail, is hope declining, And think you all in vain those falling tears?

Say not the Father has not heard your prayer, You shall have your desire sometime, somewhere!

Unanswered yet—though when you first presented This one petition at the Father's throne It seemed you could not wait the time So anxious was your heart to have it done?

If years have passed since then, do not For God will answer you sometime, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? But you are not unheeded; The promises of God forever stand; To Him our days and years alike are given.

"Have faith in God!" It is your Lord's command. Hold on to Jacob's angel, and your prayer Shall bring a blessing down, sometime, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Nay, do not say unanswered; Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done.

The work began when first your prayer was uttered, And God will finish what he has begun. Keep incessant burning at the shrine of prayer, And glory shall descend sometime, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered; Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock. Amid the wildest storms she stands unshaken, Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock.

She knows Omnipotence has heard her cry, And cries, "It shall be done, sometime, somewhere!"

This poem has been often quoted as one of Robert Browning's. A search through his complete works failed to discover it. According to the editor of the American Friend its author is not Robert Browning, but Ophelia G. Browning, the daughter of a Methodist minister of Fordham, N. Y. It was written about 1870.

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REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

You might as well take things as they come, for if you don't they will take you as they go.

A woman's way of treating the Chinese situation is about like her way of catching a chicken.

Every woman has one cushion that is too nice to use, but is meant to hide a spot on the sofa.

When the average man proposes the girl has to fight between being happy and being mad because he didn't do it sooner.

The women have an idea that when one of them refuses a man he goes out and gets drunk to drown his sorrow. Nine times out of ten he is only celebrating.—New York Press.

### A Carpenter's Oversight.

Kansas City Journal: At Leoti, Kas., the Masons employed a carpenter to build an altar as large as possibly could be passed through the door of their temple. The carpenter measured carefully and then built an altar, with the result of finding that he couldn't get it out of the door of his shop.

### Berlin Birth Rate Declining.

London Medical Record: It is not in France only that the birth-rate is declining, for some recently published statistics show a continuous decrease in the Berlin birth-rate, which is now only 20 in 1,000. The number of children born during the period covered by the statistics was 450,000, which if the birth rate had been the same as in the whole of Russia would be 700,000.

### Carthage Stone for the White House.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Jasper county, Mo., wants to furnish the stone for a new white house, claiming that the "Carthage stone is the handsomest and most lasting white building rock to be found on the face of the earth."

### "Hold-the-Fort" Corse.

There has been placed on the walls of the federal building in Boston, a portrait of General John M. Corse, the Union commander at the battle of Altoona Pass, Ga., where the phrase, "Hold the fort, for I am coming," was originated.

### Something of a Flopper.

Robert W. Wilcox, the Hawaiian delegate to Congress, has been royalist and revolutionist by turn, and is now married to the last descendant of Kamahameha III.

### Pall Mall's New Editor.

Lord Frederic Hamilton, who has retired from the editorship of the Pall Mall Magazine, is succeeded by G. R. Halkett, who has for some time been art editor.

### Heartz May Win.

Mrs. Evangeline Heartz, the only woman member of the lower house of Colorado's legislature, is now being talked of for the place of speaker of that body.

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